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THE BOERS SUSTAIN THEIR FIRST DEFEAT

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SOME PARTICULARS OF THE BATTLE

English Losses Are Reported Quite Slight While the Boers Are Said to Have Lost Heavily—A Successful Sortie at Dordrecht—Boer Position at Modder River Is Apparently Weakened—Today's Speech of King of Portugal—British Still Hold German Mail Steamer—Reported Dutch Uprising.

Rensburg, Cape Colony, Jan. 1.—General French has completely defeated the Boers and occupied Galesburg.

The General continued to keep the Boers on the move, and pressed them closely Saturday and Sunday, giving them no time to make a prolonged stand, and when day broke he was within striking distance of the enemy. Last night all the cavalry, artillery and infantry, the latter riding in wagons to increase the general mobility, started upon a night march with the object of turning the Boers' right. The flank operations were successful. The infantry and field batteries immediately made a right attack upon the Boer front, and while this was proceeding the cavalry and light artillery got completely around the enemy's right flank as arranged. The program worked without a hitch. The Boers were utterly surprised, and, finding their retreat threatened in disorder to the eastward, leaving Galesburg in General French's hands.

PARTICULARS OF BATTLE.

London, Jan. 2.—The Daily Mail has the following dispatch, dated January 1, from Rensburg:

"Yesterday afternoon a big force of cavalry and infantry, with ten guns, under the personal command of General French, moving by a route, occupied some hills three miles from Galesburg, where the Boers were in strength, confident in the natural aid afforded them by the hills around.

"The enemy's position extended six miles around the entire village. At daybreak our artillery opened the battle. The Boers were taken by surprise, but replied vigorously. An artillery duel was maintained for two hours. Then a Boer machine gun collapsed and was abandoned. We captured it. A Boer big gun was silenced, but this and the other Boer guns were withdrawn to the northward, whither we are harassing the Boer retreat by a damaging shell fire.

"Galesburg is in our hands, and the few remaining loyalists are jubilant. We have captured many wagons and a considerable quantity of stores.

"Our losses were quite slight, but the Boers must have suffered heavily. They may stop at Achttertang or cross the river altogether at Norvalspont, where the bridge is still intact."

A SUCCESSFUL SORTIE.

London, Jan. 1.—Captain Montmorency's sortie, near Dordrecht, with a patrol of 120 men of the Twenty-first Lancers, and his retreat December 30, were followed up the next day by a successful British engagement and the rescue of a small party, supposed to be men Captain Montmorency left behind him.

Under Captain Goldsworthy, a force of 100 men, with four guns, accompanied by Captain Montmorency's scouts, sallied out of Dordrecht during the morning of December 31 to relieve Lieutenant Turner and twenty-seven men left over night at Labuschag's Nek. The Boers were driven back and Lieutenant Turner's party was rescued. Eight Boers and thirteen horses are known to have been killed.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

The Times, in its second edition, publishes a dispatch from Sterkstroom, dated December 31, which says:

"Captain Montmorency's scouts were cut off owing to their refusal to leave a wounded officer, Lieutenant Warren, of Brabant's Horse. These men, under Lieutenants Milford and Turner, of the Frontier Mounted Rifles, defended themselves most gallantly against the repeated attacks of some eight hundred Boers. The enemy resorted to sniping during the night, but were repulsed with loss.

"At 5:15 this morning Captain Goldsworthy, with the Cape Mounted Rifles, arrived and the enemy immediately fled to the hills. Turner's party, whose horses had nearly all been killed, were rescued. They displayed splendid pluck and the brilliant manner in which Captain Goldsworthy effected their relief on his own responsibility is deserving of the highest praise. Our loss was two men wounded. The Boers lost about thirty men, including eight men killed."

AND STILL ANOTHER.

Another account says:

"The success of this little party will arrest the progress of the enemy's receding in that vicinity."

BOER POSITION WEAKENED.

A dispatch from Modder River says:

"D. 8 miles 31.—The naval guns planted a few excellent shells without reply. The enemy's position on the left is, apparently considerably weakened."

PORTUGAL FEARS ENGLAND.

London, Jan. 2.—The Lisbon correspondent of the Standard says:

"It is currently reported that the

No steps have been taken thus far to punish the alleged spies.

WELCOME RAY OF LIGHT.

London, Jan. 2.—4:30 a. m.—The success of General French in driving the Boers from Galesburg has shot a welcome ray of light through the gloom of the campaign in South Africa. Everywhere it is commented upon as an example of sound tactics and as an illustration of what may be done when the right methods are employed with the Boers. The Government is urged to take the lesson to heart and to see that no stone is left unturned in the endeavor to get the largest possible forces of cavalry and mounted infantry to the front.

Now that General French has the Boers on the run, the hope is expressed that he will give them no rest, but will harass them until they have found their way across the Orange River, which is 12 miles distant. The old wagon route to the Free State traverses Galesburg and crosses the river by a fine bridge, 1,340 feet long.

It is believed that the Boers retreated toward Norval's Pont, further east, and the question is whether General French will be able to secure these two bridges before the Boers destroy them.

One important effect of the success of General French is that it will probably have a deterrent influence upon Dutch disaffection. There is some disposition here to exaggerate the importance of small skirmishes and engagements. It should be borne in mind that General French has only 2,000 men, and so far as the important points of campaign are concerned the situation is virtually unchanged.

At Modder river the Boers appear to be modifying somewhat their line of defense. General Buller's scouts have discovered a Boer camp established in the vicinity of Springfield, southwest

PRISONERS AND GUNS CAPTURED

Aguinaldo's Wife and Sisters Surrender to the Americans.

UPRISING PREVENTED

A General Southern Advance Began Yesterday, Resulting in American Occupation of Cabuyao and Capture of 150 Filipinos and Four Rapid Fire Guns—A Timely Discovery Prevents an Uprising in Manila.

(By Telegram to Virginian-Pilot.)

Manila, January 1.—Aguinaldo's wife, sisters and eighteen Filipinos have surrendered to Maj. March's battalion of the Thirty-third Infantry at Bontoc, province of that name. Three Filipino officers also surrendered to Major March; and the Filipinos gave up two Spanish and two American prisoners.

tended to rise against the Americans. Papers were also found showing a distribution of the city into districts and a careful assignment of leaders and followers. The precautions taken by the Americans on Saturday, it is now evident, alone prevented an uprising.

The provost marshal has requested that two more regiments be detailed for the protection of Manila. Three thousand troops are now actually in the city.

THE GRIDIRON CLUB. VISITS CHARLESTON AND HAS LOTS OF FUN.

(By Telegram to Virginian-Pilot.)

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 1.—The famous Gridiron Club, of Washington, D. C., arrived in Charleston this morning on a Southern special, and was met at the depot by Mayor Smith, Mr. J. C. Hemphill, editor of the News and Courier, and a large committee of citizens and newspaper men. A salute was properly "fired" and the keys of the city were turned over to the visitors. The keys were represented in wood, each about three feet long. After an informal, but none the less jolly breakfast, at the Charleston Hotel, a short trolley ride was taken around the city. At 11 o'clock guests and hosts embarked for the Isle of Palms on a steamer which bore the significant name of Brooklyn, and mounted a large rapid-fire gun forward.

Admiral Schley was observed on the bridge as the boat moved away from the pier, and marines, armed with cutlasses, swarmed around the forecastle. A short distance out the watch sighted the Maria Teresa, and after a chase the Spaniard hove to and the crew and a blind tiger were captured.

MAHER PROVES VERY EASY GAME

Kid McCoy Again Places Himself in the Championship Class.

A CHANCE IN BETTING

A Hard-Fought Battle, But McCoy Demonstrated Superior Cleverness in Every Particular and Ended It in the Fifth Round With a Blow That Recalled Hitting of Sullivan in His Palmist Day.

(By Telegram to Virginian-Pilot.)

New York, Jan. 1.—"Kid" McCoy again placed himself in the championship class by defeating Peter Maher in a brisk, well-fought battle of five rounds before the Coney Island Athletic Club this afternoon. The fight was scheduled to last twenty-five rounds, and the purse was to have been \$20,000, but the attendance was not as large as had been expected, and before the fight was begun the principals agreed that the winner should receive the prize gate receipts.

The battle was hard fought from start to finish, but McCoy was far the cleverer man in ring tactics, dodging, sidestepping and hitting powers. He showed himself to be a good ring general, ever watching for an opening, and never failing to take advantage of one. Maher, although credited with being a heavy hitter, did not get in many effective blows. His footwork was poor, and at times he did not appear to have perfect control of himself.

THE KID WAS STUBBORN.

When the men entered the ring and stripped for the battle both looked to be in perfect condition, and they were greeted with tumultuous applause. Under Marquis of Queensberry rules, new gloves, provided by the club, were handed to the referee, and he, in turn, gave them to the boxers' seconds. Maher donned his quickly, but McCoy claimed that the gloves did not fit him, and stubbornly refused to use them. He insisted on wearing an old pair, which he claimed suited him, but the referee was old-timer and McCoy gave in.

THE KNOCK-OUT BLOW.

The knockout blow came in the fifth round. McCoy sent a right, which fell a bit short, and then dropping his left to the body, tried a right swing, and as Peter side-stepped, the Kid met him with a full swinging left, which landed on the point of the jaw, and the Irishman went down, resting on his right elbow, and was counted out in this position. It was a terrific blow, and landed right on the mark. An ox could scarcely have withstood its force. It was the cleanest knockout ever seen in a ring fight, and while some people were unkind enough to say that Maher could have gotten up again, those who were nearest to the fighters and saw the force of the blow were of the opinion that Sullivan in his palmist days, could not have withstood it.

Probably in the history of ring fights in this vicinity there has never been such a quick change in the betting as that which occurred during the two hours preceding this fight. For some days past Maher has been the favorite, as good as 100 to 60 being bet on his chances. One hundred to 70 on Maher was the ruling price when the club house doors opened this afternoon, and in the different sporting centers this price was maintained until within an hour of the beginning of the contest. Then a peculiar condition of affairs occurred, and, for no apparent reason, Maher's stock was heaved, while the Kid's was pulled, and when the men got into the ring their positions in the betting market were reversed, with the Kid the favorite.

MEASUREMENTS AND WEIGHTS.

Following were the measurements and weights of the contestants:

	McCoy	Maher
Age	24	24
5 ft. 10 1/2 in. Height	5 ft. 11 1/2 in.	5 ft. 10 1/2 in.
168 pounds Weight	173 pounds	168 pounds
37 inches Chest	40 inches	37 inches
34 inches Waist	31 inches	34 inches
14 inches Biceps	13 inches	14 inches
76 inches Reach	73 inches	76 inches
16 inches Neck	17 inches	16 inches
21 1/2 inches Thigh	23 inches	21 1/2 inches

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HOW BULLER AND JOUBERT ARE OPPOSING ONE ANOTHER AT THE TUGELA RIVER.

of Colenso, by a Free State commando. A similar movement has been made at Modder river. A large force of Boers, it is reported, has formed a new laager about 15 miles down the stream at Kameelshoek.

Heliographs from Ladysmith show that all was well on December 31. The bombardment was being continued, but its intensity had relaxed.

A Son Wrongly Accused.

(By Telegram to Virginian-Pilot.)

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 1.—Mike Bourke, white, who was arrested last night on the order of the Coroner on the charge of having choked his aged mother to death, was released from custody this morning upon the verdict of the Coroner's jury, exonerating him. It was found that the old woman had died suddenly from natural causes and that her body falling had lacerated the face and throat, which aroused suspicion of foul play.

Whiskey Kills Eight Negroes.

(By Telegram to Virginian-Pilot.)

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 1.—During the past week there have been eight sudden deaths of prime young negroes from Lady's Island, in the vicinity of the Central phosphate works, Beaufort county, this State. There are suspicions that the whiskey they used was either tampered with or not chemically pure. The effort to keep a sharp look on the company, died to-day.

GENERAL SOUTHERN ADVANCE.

Manila, Jan. 1.—10:30 p. m.—The first movement of a general Southern advance occurred this morning, when two battalions of the Thirty-ninth Infantry landed and occupied Cabuyao, on the south side of Laguna de Bay. Two Americans were killed and four were wounded. Twenty-four of the enemy's dead were found in one house. One hundred and fifty prisoners and four six-pound rapid fire guns were captured.

The gunboat Laguna de Bay bombarded the town before the disembarkation of the troops from the cascos, which was made under the enemy's shrapnel fire. The enemy evacuated the place before the charging Americans, retreating to Santa Rosa, to which town they were pursued. Heavy fighting occurred along the road to Santa Rosa, which was occupied by the insurgents retreating south toward Silang. The Americans burned the country between and around Cabuyao.

The gunboat returned to Calamba for reinforcements and thence came to Manila to fetch ammunition. She recently captured two of the enemy's steam launches, one under the fire of artillery at Calamba, and also four cascos loaded with rice.

Other regiments are mobilizing to-night at San Pedro Macati and Pasig, preparatory to continuing the southern advance.

CAPTURE OF BOMBS.

Yesterday's capture of bombs involved the seizure of documents incriminating a thousand Filipinos who in-

On the Isle of Palms the party enjoyed a lunch and some music, chin, brass, string. To vary the monotony a lynch-bug, realistic but not fatal, was pulled off, an up-to-date cakewalk with genuine dardies on the floor, and a presentation, by which the club obtained a mascot, in the shape of a fawn, all happened as fast as the way could be cleared.

To-night in the banquet hall of the Charleston Hotel, made as beautiful as a fairy palace with palms, flowers and drapery and lit by thousands of incandescents, which formed an immense flaming gridiron, the club was entertained by about one hundred of the leading citizens. Among the novelties introduced was the music (2) of the Jenkins Pickaninny Band and its arrest by a squad of impromptu cops. There were speeches without number, but few without point. Mr. J. C. Hemphill, of the News and Courier; Mayor J. Adger Smith, Mr. N. S. Hill, Jr., of the Consolidated; Mr. J. W. Redding and Captain P. W. Wagener, of the Pine Forest Inn, were invested with the order of the Gridiron. Several selections were given by the Gridiron Quartette and other members. The music for the evening and during the day was by the First United States Artillery Band. Hon. Chauncey M. Depew made a most happy speech, a regular shaking hands across the line talk, and was given three times three.

To-morrow the Gridironers will be the guests of Captain Wagener and Manager Jameson, at the Pine Forest Inn, Summerville, leaving for Washington to-morrow afternoon.